MADISON COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES May 19, 2010

The Madison County Council was called to order by President William Savage. The following Council Members were present:

John Bostic, Jr.
Larry Crenshaw
Mike Phipps
Gary Gustin (Absent)
Buddy Patterson
Bill Savage
Larry Higgins

Also present were County Auditor Kathy Stoops-Wright, and Deputy Auditor Patty Mauck.

The Council met on this day with the County Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss the Counties current financial situation.

President Bill Savage explained to everyone that they will need to cut the 2010 budget approximately \$2.3 million and encouraged all Heads to find a way to cut their own budgets before the Council will have to mandate cuts.

Councilman Phipps explained that a decrease in COIT for 2011 and 2012 will greatly affect the County's revenue. He stated that the 2010 COIT is based on the returns for 2008 which was not in recession and the 2011 COIT is based on the returns for 2009 and 2012 COIT is based on the returns for 2010 and both years there has been a recession.

There were many concerns and discussions from the Department Heads that were present at the meeting. Many gave ideas to the Council for cuts for the 2010 budgets and asked if anything is to be cut please let them know so it won't be all cut at the end of the year and their employees can plan for cuts.

After a lengthy discussion and several ideas brought before the Council, they asked all Heads to bring any ideas to the Auditor and she will bring them to the June 8, 2010 Council meeting.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned.